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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING,

In obedience to law, a statement of the property belonging to the United States in the Interior Department.

DECEMBER 5, 1876.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
December 1, 1876.

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for inventories and accounts of the property of the United States in the public buildings and grounds belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia," approved July 15, 1870, I have the honor to transmit herewith "a full and complete inventory of all property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds" occupied by this Department and under its charge.

The inventory consists of A, a table showing the number of the various articles of property in each of the bureaus of this Department, and the same aggregated; B, a list of the articles of property purchased for the use of the Department during the year ending the 30th ultimo; and C, a list of such property as has been sold during the same period.

Very respectfully,

Z. CHANDLER,
Secretary.

Hon. THOMAS W. FERRY,
President United States Senate.

2 UNITED STATES PROPERTY IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

A.—Inventory of property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by the Department of the Interior, taken on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1876, in accordance with the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870.

Articles of property.	Offices.							Total.
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Census.	Education.	
Awnings	27	78	95	50	10		15	275
Book-cases	15	20	14	24	4		3	80
Book-racks	10	10	19	15	7		1	62
Book-rests	7		29	20			2	58
Carpets	16	16	15	42	10		7	156
Carriages	1	1						2
Coal-hods	13	21	24	36	8		4	106
Cooler-stands	2	52	14	4			2	74
Curtains	2	9	18	2	4			35
Chairs	109	469	443	280	75		55	1,431
Clocks	13	44	20	5	2		1	85
Desks	44	288	233	228	52		21	866
Desk-covers	10	40	7	22			2	81
Drop-lights	4	17	6	6	3		2	38
Engravings	2	1	6	4	3		2	18
File-cases	25	74	172	194	14		7	486
Fire-screens	4	16	37	23	2		2	84
Foot-rests	4	84	132	90	7			317
Flags, United States	1							1
Hat-racks	28	35	15				4	83
Hose-carriages	1							1
Harness, (sets)	1	2						3
Hand-stamps	3	6	18	14	2		1	44
Horses	1	1						2
Iron safes	3	2	1	2	1			9
Letter-presses	9	30	7	8	2		2	58
Letter-baskets	10	128	136	30	16		2	322
Lounges	1	2	2	3	1		1	10
Lawn-mowers	1							1
Map-racks	2		2	2	2		2	10
Mail-bags	1	2	5	1	1		1	11
Mats	13	74	4	17			4	112
Matting	12	66		17	4		4	103
Mirrors	13	61	53	27	9		3	166
Paintings	2		1		8			11
Paper-racks	6	2	2	1				11
Pigeon-hole cases	21	54	132	87	11		1	306
Push-carts	1	1	1				1	4
Photographs	16	20	12	3	3		7	61
Printing-presses	1	2	1	1				3
Rugs	2	4	1	14	1		4	26
Sealing-presses	1	1		2				4
Sofas	5	4	5	4	1		1	20
Soap-dishes	13	55	31	28	10		6	143
Scales (pairs)	11	10	8	20	5		1	55
Shades (window)	20	59	109	53	17		8	266
Shovels and tongs	10	8		25	2		5	50
Spittoons	50	487	168	160	27		7	899
Step-ladders	5	20	19	31	7		1	83
Stoves	1	10		1				12
Stools	1	518	10	5	3		3	540
Tables	15	191	179	44	12		7	448
Towel-racks	7	30	12	1	3		6	59
Tumblers	30	250	116	60	8		6	470
Type-printing machines					2			2
Thermometers	8	10	10	7	1		2	38
Umbrella-stands	8	38	4	16	4		1	71
Ventilators	6	16		2	1			25
Wash-stands	1	14	6	23				44
Wash-basins	1	16	10	23				50
Wash-pitchers	1	14	11	20				46
Water-coolers	2	64	15	10	2		2	95
Water-buckets		86	45	32	4		4	171
Water-pitchers	10	20	13	4	7		4	58
Wardrobes	5	8	5	4	1		2	25

B.—*List of property purchased for use of the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1876.*

162 awnings.	7 mirrors.
31 book-cases.	6 pigeon-hole cases.
17 book-racks.	1 push-cart.
6 book-stands.	3 rugs.
24 carpets.	3 scales, (pair.)
24 coal-hods.	28 soap-dishes.
5 cooler-stands.	1 sofa.
74 chairs.	50 shades, (window.)
13 curtains.	119 spittoons.
19 desks.	9 step-ladders.
23 desk-covers.	4 stools.
4 drop-lights.	3 stoves.
39 file-cases.	30 tables.
15 fire-screens.	4 towel-racks.
1 flag, (United States.)	218 tumblers.
1 harness, (set.)	4 wash-basins.
6 hand-stamps.	8 water coolers.
1 hat-rack.	57 water-buckets.
1 letter-press.	3 wardrobes.
4 mats.	7 water-pitchers.
38 mattings.	

C.—*List of property sold by the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1876.*

94 awnings.	15 lots matting.
3 benches, (pine.)	56 pigeon-holes.
58 carpets.	45 stoves.
1 lot carpet-lining.	1 lot stove-pipe.
6 coolers.	19 tables.
3 lots chairs.	3 wash-stands, (pine.)
1 lot lead, (scrap.)	42,903 pounds waste paper.
1 lounge.	1 lot zinc, (scrap.)
2 lots lumber.	